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Ms. Anna Marie Cook U.S. EPA Region IX 75 Hawthorne Street, (SFD-8-3) San Francisco, CA 94105-3901

Dear Ms. Cook:

Subj: REQUEST FOR OPERABLE UNIT 5 GROUNDWATER REMEDIAL INVESTIGATION/ FEASIBILITY STUDY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ALAMEDA NAS FFA SECTION 14.1

The purpose of this letter is to request an extension to the milestone for the subject primary document. Please note that the current SMP refers to this document as the "Combined Annex/Point Groundwater RI/FS". As you know, the RI/FS combines the groundwater in and around Site 25 of the Former Alameda NAS, with the groundwater plume associated with IR02 at the Former Fleet and Industrial Supply Center Oakland.

Per the October 16, 2003 dated SMP, the draft Final RI/FS and Final RI/FS for OU5 were scheduled to be delivered on February 9, 2004 and March 9, 2004 respectively. Recall that the Draft RI/FS was submitted on schedule on October 9 2003, and the typical regulatory review period was to end on or about 60 days later. The Navy received all anticipated comments from the EPA, DTSC, SFBRWQCB, and the community (including comments provided by a Technical Assistance for Public Participation consultant via the Restoration Advisory Board) on February 24, 2004. Due to the unusually extensive regulatory and public comments, the Navy is requesting to extend the milestone for the OU5 Groundwater RI/FS as follows:

- Draft Final Groundwater RI/FS Report NAS Alameda IR Site 25 and Alameda Annex IR Site 02 - August 27, 2004
- Final Groundwater RI/FS Report NAS Alameda IR Site 25 and Alameda Annex IR Site 02 - September 27, 2004

This extension would affect the remainder of the milestones (up to and including the Record of Decision) associated with the OU5 groundwater as follows:

- Draft Combined Annex/Point Groundwater Proposed Plan January 10, 2005
- Draft Final Combined Annex/Point Groundwater PP & Response to Comments May 10, 2005
- Combined Annex/Point Groundwater PP submitted for public comment June 9, 2005
- Draft Combined Annex/Point Groundwater ROD May 10, 2005
- Draft Final Combined Annex/Point Groundwater ROD & Response to Comments September 09, 2005
- Final Combined Annex/Point Groundwater ROD Approval October 10, 2005

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The extension request for the groundwater RI/FS is a result of factors that were unanticipated prior to the preparation of the draft final document. In order to adequately respond to and address the issues raised by the regulatory agencies, community, and TAPP, the Navy requests the EPA grant the time extension in accordance with the Alameda NAS FFA Section 14.1.

If you have any questions or comments, please call me at (619) 532-0907.

Sincerely,

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